GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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COMPENSATION TO THE VICTIMS OF AIR CRASH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that certain airlines companies are not making payment of compensation to the air crash victims or their relatives/next of kin;

(b) if so, the number of claims of compensation pending with airlines companies as on date, airlines-wise;

(c) the time since when these claims are pending; and

(d) the steps taken by the government to ensure prompt payment of compensation to victims of air crash?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a):- No, Sir. Airline companies have been paying the statutory amounts of compensation due to the air crash victims / their relatives after completing the requisite legal formalities such as eligibility of the claimant etc.

(b), (c) and (d):- Four cases (including two survived passengers) are pending in respect of Indian Airlines / Alliance Air B-737 aircraft which met with accident at Patna on 17.7.2000 as the claimants have recently resolved the issue of guardianship and now have to submit their acceptance for settlement of compensation offered by Indian Airlines / Alliance Air.

There is no other case pending with the airline companies except those cases which are pending in the court of law mainly because the claimants have asked for more money than the statutory limits fixed by the law and therefore, are sub-judice. The details of these cases are as under-

	No. of cases	Date of accident
Air India	03	23.06.1985
Indian Airlines	47	19.10.1988
	03	14.02.1990
	11	26.04.1993
	02	17.07.2000